

**MINUTES  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
CITY OF MORRO BAY  
MARCH 1, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Leabah Winter at 5:08 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners House, Hale, Solu, Chair Winter; Staff Lueker, Wright.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Munoz (excused), Commissioner Hensley (excused),  
Commissioner Mahan (absent).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Keith Taylor, Morro Bay – The Friends of the Morro Bay Fire Department will support and provide prizes for the Del Mar PTA fundraiser to be held April 1, 2007.

**IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2007 MEETING**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the February 1, 2007 meeting for file.  
M/S/C (House/Solu).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Solu announced the Del Mar PTA will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Art Auction and Silent Auction for goods and services April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a drawing for unique art and a barbeque. The monies raised will be used to fund field trips for next year. For reduced price barbeque tickets contact Commissioner Solu before March 15 at 459-3274.

Commissioner Hale said the Art auction would be held from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner House announced Special Olympics would be holding their Area Meet on the first Friday in May at Cuesta College. They need volunteers for booth activities. Contact Michael or Jodee of Special Olympics at 544-6444 or Stevie Anderson at 772-9612.

**A. NEW BUSINESS****A-1 REVIEW OF THE MORRO BAY PUBLIC ART POLICY**

Staff Lueker reported Morro Bay Beautiful is proposing a special art project that would be the first public art project to fall under the City's Public Art Policy. It is the Art Can Project and proposes to start with ten City owned trash receptacles and engage the services of local artists to transform them into works of art. She asked the Commission to review the information, and provide comments. All other City Boards and Commissions will be doing the same and then it is tentatively scheduled to go before the City Council on March 26, 2007. She added Jean Leage, a representative of the group is present to answer questions.

Jean Leage said Jayne Behman produced the first Art Can at the Giant Chessboard to provide as an example to the City. This can is a mosaic but most will be painted. There was a lot of public interest while she was working on the can and it was very rewarding to see the interest.

Commissioner Solu thinks it is a great project. She said that most are designated to be along the Embarcadero and in the parks. She asked if there were future plans to place them along Main Street and Morro Bay Boulevard and the \$1000 cost.

Ms. Leage said sponsors are needed. Cans would be placed where the sponsors want them. She said each artist would receive a stipend to cover the cost of materials, etc.

Commissioner House said it is a great project and Morro Bay Beautiful is a great organization. He asked if the \$1000 would be received up front and how much of it would be set aside for maintenance. He would like to see the monies sitting somewhere, not just a pledge.

Ms. Leage said there are monies coming in but we can't release them until we get through the Public Art process. She added Ann Reisner is taking charge of the finances.

Staff Lueker stated all information provided would be included in the report to City Council. She added the Harbor Department allocates monies for replacement of the aggregates. Some cans will be purchased for the project as well as using some of the existing cans. There is about a 25-year lifespan on the cans.

Commissioner Mahan arrived at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner House felt the Public Art Policy should treat everyone the same and it shouldn't apply to Morro Bay Beautiful as a 501(c) 3. The artwork is being donated by the organization, not the artist.

Staff stated Morro Bay Beautiful is the agent/processor and you and the other Boards and Commissions are stewards. The Art Can group has a committee to screen the proposals and a member of the Commission can sit on the committee. We need to move ahead and work with the policy. The policy is a result of the Rock Sculpture. There are important steps to go through and staff thinks the policy can

work. It is our intent is to use the policy and we need to make it work.

Commissioner Hale asked if the Commission doesn't approve the project could they make comments.

Chair Winter said we should look at the concept of the project.

It was moved by Commissioner Solu and seconded by Commissioner House to accept the concept of the project, in theory it is good.

Commissioner Solu asked that the motion be amended to read that the project go through each and every Board and Commission.

Commissioner House recommended the Public Art Policy be amended.

Chair Winter suggested we go through the process and see how it works first and then come back and review the policy.

Staff asked about the review of the artwork.

Commissioner Hale asked if it would be a benefit to have a member of the Commission sit on the Art Can committee.

Ms. Leage said the artwork will be submitted for review.

Staff Lueker will forward the following comments from the Commission to the City Council: (1) How the monies will breakdown; (2) Maintenance of the cans after five years; (3) Screening process; (4) Money up front for cans, not pledges.

Commissioner Hale volunteered to sit on the Art Can screening committee.

## **A-2 DIXON'S SPAGHETTI DINNER AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ART SHOW UPDATE**

Staff Lueker said we are close on tickets and posters. We will contact the Commission when they are available. The event is Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are lots of door and raffle prizes. Last year we served between 400 – 450 dinners and we always need volunteers.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Silent Auction is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. On Thursday there will be a Chamber of Commerce Mixer, Friday will feature wine tasting and live music and will be open to the public for bidding on the artwork. Saturday afternoon from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. will be the artist's reception featuring demonstrating artists and light hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This will be the final opportunity to bid on the artwork.

Proceeds from both these events will be used for recreation scholarships that fund up to 75% for a child to participate in recreation programs through the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department.

**A-3 RECOMMENDATION TO USE PARK IN LIEU FUNDS FOR DEL MAR HOCKEY RINK**

Staff Lueker asked the Commission to approve and recommend to the City Council the use of up to \$5,000 of Park in Lieu funds to repair and paint the Del Mar Roller Hockey Rink. Usually this type of repair would be funded through budget line items but since the budget cuts there are not sufficient funds to pay for these repairs. There are also not additional staff hours for its completion.

Chair Winter how much the Roller Hockey Rink is used.

Staff replied it is reserved maybe once or twice a year but there is current use by a roller derby team, a soccer team and a roller hockey league.

Commissioner Solu asked if repairs would only be done where there is water damage or would it include painting.

Staff replied the repairs would include repainting.

Commissioner House asked how much was currently in the Park in Lieu fund.

Staff said the City just received a \$16,000 payment and there is a \$60,000 payment expected. She will bring back the status of the Park in Lieu Fund to the Commission.

Commissioner Hale inquired if there were any other projects that might use Park in Lieu monies.

Staff said potentially the Del Mar Playground Project and the Tennis Court Project might require use of the Park in Lieu monies.

Commissioner Mahan asked about Coleman Park.

Staff said the Harborwalk Project could include improvements to Coleman Park. She will provide the Commission with an update.

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council to approve up to \$5,000 of Park in Lieu funds to repair and paint the Del Mar Roller Hockey Rink. M/S/C (House/Mahan).

**B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****B-1 REVISED WORK PROGRAM DOCUMENT**

Staff Lueker presented the Commission with the updated Work Program document. She said she does not plan on using it this next year with the current budget situation.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Revised Work Program Document with the corrections on Page 3 and Page 8. M/S/C (House/Solu).

## **B-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

Staff Lueker reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report.

She reported the Program Improvement Group met and we are going to City Council on March 26, 2007 to ask to bring the Del Mar Tennis Court Project back to the Recreation and Parks Department so we can move forward.

The Cloisters Expenditure Report with 58% of the year gone shows we are 51% spent. The electricity is up and water is high.

The Spring Web Guide for the months of April, May and June should be available mid-March.

The Dog Park went back to the City Council on February 26 and they passed by a 3-2 vote to establish a fenced Dog Park as a City project at its current site at Del Mar Park. The City Attorney is working on a Memorandum of Agreement. Staff will keep the Commission updated.

City Council approved the Teen Center Rental Policy. Staff failed to add the condition of the monies received from rentals to come back to the Helping Hands account. This condition will be brought back to the City Council for their approval.

Commissioner Hale commended staff for listening to the feedback of parents with regard to Kids Club registration. It is a move in the right direction. She added it is great staff is looking into reducing the fees for online registration.

It was moved and seconded to accept this report for file. M/S/C (Solu/Hale).

## **C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

### **C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

It was moved and seconded to accept for file the Citizens Bike Committee Report of February 7, 2007. M/S/C (Hale/Mahan).

## **D. REPORTS**

### **D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2007**

### **D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2007**

### **D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2007**

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for January 2007; Sports and Fitness for January 2007; Facilities and Park Use for January 2007. M/S/C (House/Solu).

**D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Chair Winter reported the Seniors continue to host classes through Cuesta College and they have a number of trips scheduled. She said the Seniors are concerned about the renewal of their MOU with the City.

Staff Lueker said a draft of the MOU was provided to the Senior Board. Staff Woods will be conducting the April meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission. He is the Department Representative to the Senior Citizens and will be able to provide the Commission with more information.

**D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

None

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice-Chair House would like to bring the Public Art Policy back to the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. M/S/C (Solu/Mahan).

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**BARBARA WRIGHT  
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**